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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WATCHING LABOR SITUATION

Washington, Aug. 2.—Officials of the federal government, including President Wilson, are closely watching developments in the controversy between twenty-five railway systems and their 400,000 employees and are preparing to offer every possible aid in effecting an agreement and avoid a strike.

Today the president forwarded to the labor department an appeal he had received from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States through Harry A. Wheeler, chairman of the chamber's committee on railroads, declaring a strike is inevitable "unless some strong measures of intervention are speedily introduced," and urging an inquiry.

Acting Secretary of Labor Post said tonight he was in close touch with the situation, but had not decided whether action by the department would be necessary. The federal board of mediation and conciliation, which is authorized by law to attempt to divert strikes on railroads, also is keeping watch on developments and its officers expect to be called on as soon as the strike vote, now being counted, has been completely canvassed. They said tonight that nothing could be done at present.

Copies of the chamber's appeal to

President Wilson were forwarded to chairmen of the congressional commerce commissions and representatives of the railroads and the employees. The chamber is considering calling a conference here to impress congress with the advisability of immediate action.

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PRISON FACTORY ABOUT READY.

Machinery for Some Plants Delayed by Manufacturers.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 3.—The factory building at the state prison at McAlester is practically completed and the prison authorities are arranging to install the several prison industries therein.

The machinery for the prison twine factory that was authorized by the recent session of the legislature will not be ready for installation for several months and it seems to be a matter of doubt whether the twine plant will be in operation in time to make twine for the wheat harvest of next year in Oklahoma. The delay is due to the factories for much machinery being behind with their work.

Members of the state board of public affairs who were in McAlester inspecting the factory building and other matters in connection with the prison are pleased with the status of affairs at the penitentiary under the new warden, S. L. Morley of Hartshorne, who took charge a month ago.

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FIRE DESTROYS GREAT PLANT IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Aug. 2.—Fire today destroyed the Winnipeg Paint and Glass company's six-story building with a loss of \$300,000. The flames spread to other structures adjoining.

IF TOO FAT, GET MORE FRESH AIR

BE MODERATE IN YOUR DIET AND REDUCE YOUR WEIGHT. TAKE OIL OF KOREIN.

Lack of fresh air, it is said, weakens the oxygen carrying power of the blood, the liver becomes sluggish, fat accumulates and the action of many of the vital organs are hindered thereby. The heart action becomes weak, work is an effort and the beauty of the figure is destroyed. Fat put on by indoor life is unhealthy and if nature is not assisted in throwing it off a serious case of obesity may result.

When you feel that you are getting too stout, take the matter in hand at once. Don't wait until your figure has become a joke and your health ruined through carrying around a burden of unsightly and unhealthy fat.

Spend as much time as you possibly can in the open air; breathe deeply, and get from the City Drug Store or any druggist a box of oil of korein capsules; take one after each meal and one before retiring at night.

Weigh yourself every few days and keep up the treatment until you are down to normal. Oil of korein is absolutely harmless, is pleasant to take, helps the digestion and even a few days' treatment has been reported to show a noticeable reduction in weight.

MEXICO IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED

WITH U. S. NOTE ACCEPTING THE SUGGESTION FOR JOINT COMMISSION — PROMPT ACTION IS DESIRED.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Officials of the de facto government of Mexico have been favorably impressed, according to information reaching the state department today, by acting Secretary Polk's note accepting the suggestion for a joint international commission to consider border problems, but no definite indication has come as to when General Carranza's reply may be expected.

At the Mexican embassy it was said the reply might be received tomorrow, although officials would not disclose on what information the statement was based.

At neither the state department nor the embassy would any official predict what position the de facto authorities would take in regard to the American proposal that the commission be authorized to discuss other matters than the military situation on the border. It was made clear by administration officials that the suggestion did not contemplate discussion of acquisition of territory, of claims of one government against the other arising out of the losses suffered by Americans in Mexico, on the one hand, or damage resulting from the occupation of Mexican territory by American troops on the other, or the processes which brought the de facto government into power.

Speedy Report Desired. Great stress was laid on the fact that a speedy report was desired from the commission by both governments. This alone, it was said, would prevent any discussion of financial claims or consideration of the dispute over a small strip of land in the El Paso region, which has recurred at various intervals for many years. So far as the status of the Carranza government goes, it was added, the United States has extended recognition to it and can not go behind that act.

Officials would not say what matters in addition to the military situation it was desired that the commission take up. Any consideration of the internal affairs of Mexico, it was said, must arise on motion of the Mexican government itself. If the economic and financial situation of the southern republic were deemed by the Mexican commissioners to be material for discussion at any point the American members doubtless would be instructed to undertake it. The possibility that from such a discussion might be developed a plan under which American bankers could go to the aid of the de facto government, it was pointed out, would rest wholly upon the initiative of the Mexicans.

Labor Troubles for Carranza. Private advices today from Mexico indicated that new problems are pressing on General Carranza with the spread of labor troubles. No denials were given but it was reported that discontent was spreading among Mexican railroad employees and that an extensive tie-up of the lines was threatened. The state department had no reports on this subject. The Mexican embassy had heard something of the trouble, but had no definite knowledge of it.

Quite Willing.

A young colored man asked permission of his employer to use the telephone, as he wished to speak to a colored girl employed at another residence. Upon receiving consent, he explained:

"You see, it's dis way, I loves dat gal and wants to ask her to marry me, but I ain't got de grit to ask her 'word out o' mouth, an' so I wants to use dat 'phone. I'll jes call her up. Hello! Is dat Dinah?"

"No. Will call her."

"Hello! Dat you, Dinah?"

"Ye-as."

"Dinah, you knows I thinks a heap of you."

"Ye-as."

"An' I bin tryin' to make you think a heap of me."

"Ye-as."

"I more den thinks a heap of you. I loves you, Dinah."

"Ye-as."

"Now, Dinah—t—er—wants to ask you if you will marry me?"

"Ye-as, indeedly! Who is dis what's talkin' to me?"—Titt-lits.

Newspaper advertising is good ad vertising.

ALLIES ARE PREPARING FOR END OF WAR

PARIS CONFERENCE PLANNED TO COMBAT GERMAN INDUSTRIAL MOVES. WANT TEUTONS TO KNOW ALLIES ARE UNIT.

London, Aug. 2.—Premier Asquith, on opening the discussion in the house of commons today on the resolutions of the Paris economic conference, said the British government had entered the conference with two objects in view. The first was to convince the central powers that the entente allies were resolved to wage war in complete unity and determination in economic as in military spheres. The second was to make preparations for the period following the declaration of peace, in view of the known attitude and will of the Germans.

"Our eyes have been opened," said the premier, "as to the meaning of the manifold ramifications of the German system of economic penetration and commercial and financial control of vital interests and the use to which this system could be put in time of war."

Germany, Mr. Asquith said, would be animated by the same spirit when the war was over. The Germans were organizing their factories for an assault on the trade of the allies in neutral markets.

General Lines Outlined.

"The Germans would start with obvious agents," the premier continued, "through their action in destroying the works and factories in the invaded countries and because of the fact that they had a large maritime fleet safely interned in German and neutral ports, it would be necessary to make preparations for the coming of peace and the resolutions of the conference reached the general lines upon which these preparations would proceed."

Reviewing the situation in general, Premier Asquith emphasized two points:

Preparation for Devastated Areas.

"First, the devastation of the allies to obtain reparation for the devastated areas," and the second, that "these resolutions are not aimed at neutrals."

Premier Asquith repeated that it was an essential condition to peace that Belgium and Serbia be restored, not only politically, nationally and diplomatically, but materially and economically to the positions in which they stood before the war. The devastated districts of France and Poland would be similarly treated.

British Omens Encouraging.

As far as Great Britain was concerned, continued the premier, the omens for the future were very encouraging.

The question of industrial and commercial policy generally has been referred to a committee and the government was in communication with India and the dominions, and the whole matter of the empire's policy would be considered.

Labor Given Promises.

The government, added the premier, was in consultation with labor representatives with a view to the formulation of an after-the-war policy in social and industrial matters intended to secure a fairer distribution among all classes of the results of modern industry.

Premier Asquith said he was under no obligation to see that the benefits of the new policy were appointed fairly among all sections of the community. Labor was not represented specifically at the Paris conference, but the government would consult with labor at every stage of the formulation of an after-the-war policy.

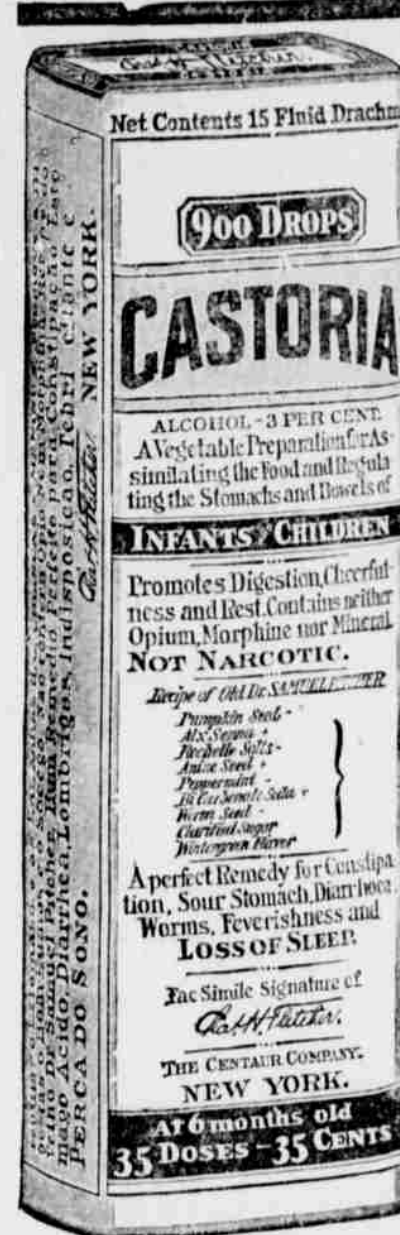
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FORTY-THREE DEAD TODAY

New High Death Record in New York Epidemic.

New York, Aug. 3.—A new high mark in fatalities in the infantile paralysis epidemic was set today with forty-three deaths and 217 new cases.

When You Have a Cold Give it attention, avoid exposure, be regular and careful of your diet, also commence taking Dr. King's New Discovery. It contains Pine-Tar, Antiseptic Oils and Balsams. Is slightly laxative. Dr. King's New Discovery eases your cough, soothes your throat and bronchial tubes, checks your cold, starts to clear your head. In a short time you know your cold is better. It's the standard family cough syrup in use over 40 years. Get a bottle at once. Keep it in the house as a cold insurance. Sold at your druggist.



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CHILD PETS RATTLER UNTIL FATHER COMES

Marysville, Aug. 2.—Dorothy Hamilton of San Francisco, who has been in Feather river with his family on a vacation has been making friends with wild life.

But when her father found her petting a big rattlesnake, which appeared to like it, and rattled ominously at him when he arrived, Hamilton pere, fled objections. He killed the serpent which was 40 inches long and carried 14 buzzers on its tail.

Cure for Cholera Morbus.

"When our little boy, now seven years old, was a baby he was cured of cholera morbus by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Mrs. Sidney Simmons, Fair Haven, N. Y. "Since then other members of my family have used this valuable medicine for colic and bowel troubles with good satisfaction and I gladly endorse it as a remedy of exceptional merit." Obtainable everywhere.

Philosophy.

The late Henry James, the novelist used to poke a good deal of fun at "pragmatism," his brother William's new kind of philosophy. "Philosophy," he once said, "has been likened to a blind man searching a dark room for a black hat that isn't there."

"Pragmatism, on the other hand,

rather reminds me of the dialogue of Mike and Pat:

"Can I know what I don't know?" says Mike.

"No," says Pat.

"Well, there's a certain thing I don't know and I know it. Then don't I know what I don't know?"

"I don't know."—Washington Star.

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Try it and see—one application will prove more than a column of claims. James S. Ferguson, Phila., Pa., writes: "I have had wonderful relief since I used Sloan's Liniment on my knees. To think after all these years of pain one application gave me relief. Many thanks for what your remedy has done for me." Don't keep on suffering, apply Sloan's Liniment where your pain is, and notice how quick you get relief. Penetrates without rubbing. Buy it at any Drug Store. 25c.

His Need.

For three successive nights Newpop had walked the floor with the baby. On the fourth night he became desperate and bought a bottle of soothing-syrup.

"Why, James," exclaimed his wife, when she saw the bottle, "what did you buy that for? Don't you know it is very dangerous to give a child anything like that?"

"Don't worry," was her husband's reply. "I'm going to take it myself."—Wisconsin State Journal.

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